

REVIEWING SUDAN PEACE ACT REPORT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Reviewing the Sudan Peace Act Report. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Roger Winter, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, AID; and Walter H. Kansteiner III, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs.

“JOHN ALLEN MUHAMMAD, DOCUMENT FRAUD, AND THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE PASSPORT EXCEPTION”

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on “John Allen Muhammad, Document Fraud, and the Western Hemisphere Passport Exception.” Testimony was heard from Robert J. Cramer, Managing Director, Office of Special Investigations, GAO; Roderick Beverly, Special Agent in Charge, Office of International Operations, FBI, Department of Justice; Sharon Palmer-Royston, Chief Legal Officer for Passport Service, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and John E. Fuller, Head of Antiguan Task Force investigating Muhammad’s activities.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1527, National Transportation Safety Board Reauthorization Act of 2003. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment by section, and that each section shall be considered as read. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Mica.

PENSION SECURITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H.R. 1000, Pension Security Act of 2003, providing 1 hour and 20 minutes of debate in the House, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative George Miller of California or his designee, which shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Boehner and Representatives George Miller of California, Andrews, Kucinich, Visclosky and Sanders.

USE OF PRIVATE COLLECTION AGENCIES TO IMPROVE IRS DEBT COLLECTION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Use of Private Collection Agencies to Improve IRS Debt Collection. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, and Nina Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, both with the IRS; and Pam Gardiner, Acting Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; Alan Felton, Assistant Secretary, Examinations and Collections, Department of Revenue, State of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
MAY 14, 2003**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the 2002 Farm Bill, 2 p.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the government of the District of Columbia, focusing on the foster care system, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine health care access and affordability, focusing on the impact on the economy, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine tissue banks, focusing on federal regulation, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 888, to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act, S. 686, to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers, S. 504, to establish academics for teachers and students of American history and civics and a national alliance of teachers of American history and civics, and S. 754, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve immunization rates by increasing the distribution of vaccines and improving and clarifying the vaccine injury compensation program, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 285, to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance abuse programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments, S. 555, to establish the Native American Health and Wellness Foundation, S. 558, to elevate the position Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health, S. 344, expressing the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, and S. 702, to amend the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, to be immediately followed by oversight hearings to examine the role of funding of the Federal National Indian Gaming Commission, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Agencies, on International Education, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to continue on public witnesses, 9:45 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, to continue markup on H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "United Nations Oil For Food Program," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, to mark up H.R. 1474, Check Clearing the 21st Century Act, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Divesting Saddam: Freezing, Seizing, and Repatriating Saddam's Money to the Iraqis," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Europe and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights, to continue joint hearings on U.S. Cooperative Threat Reduction and Nonproliferation Programs: How Far Have We Come—Where Are We Heading?, Part 11, 12:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 21, Unlawful Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act; and H.R. 1904, Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on "Reauthorization of the U.S. Department of Justice: Bureau of Prisons; Office of Justice Programs; U.S. Marshals Service; and Criminal Division," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, hearing on Cybersecurity Research and Development, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on the Effect on U.S. Small Business of the World Trade Organization's Challenge to the FSC/ETI Rules of the IRC, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, to mark up the following: a measure to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration; and the Aviation Security Technical Corrections and Improvement Act, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on General Defense Intelligence Program (GDIP) Budget, 2:15 p.m., H-405 Capitol.